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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): SAPIR, et al.
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Title: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING
SUBSTANCE TO BE DETECTED CONTAINING AT LEAST
ONE COMPONENT THAT IS DISPERSIBLE IN AIR IN THE
FORM OF SOLID
PARTICLES
Group: 1743
Examiner: Siefke, S.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

April 16, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 1-3, 5-10 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by EP 0 169 057 (EP '057). Applicants traverse this rejection and request reconsideration thereof.

It is set forth in EP '057 (see, e.g., claim 1, step (3)) that a heating of the collected particulates is performed to release vapor of the contraband substance therefrom and step 4 is analyzing the vapor for the contraband substance. In the present invention, no heating of the collected particulates is required. In addition, pending claim 2 mentions that the solid particles of substance to be detected present on the filter are detected by performing analysis in an analysis device